**The Didcot Powerhouse Fund**

**Fuelling Better Futures**

Mark Bodeker

I began working in Didcot in 2013 as a Church of England minister at All Saints’. This evolved into full time ministry in the new development of Great Western Park as Community Minister, moving onto a house on the estate in 2015. My role primarily relates to supporting community as it develops its own character and confidence.

I have also been busy establishing a new community church, meeting local needs and developing faith. In terms of community engagement, I am a Trustee of Boundary Park Sports Association, a founding member of Didcot Community Youth Trust, and have recently joined as Governor of Stephen Freeman School. I am also a school governor of Pangbourne College and until recently, I was a founding governor and, latterly, chair at UTC College.

I studied finance and law at Canterbury University, New Zealand before gaining a Chartered Accountants qualification and emigrating to the United Kingdom in 1985. In London I worked for Price Waterhouse Coopers before moving into industry, taking up several senior finance roles, mainly in special engineering businesses and latterly high-tech biotech turnaround situations, jointly building and running a successful, international business.

I am committed to seeing Didcot thrive. The Didcot Powerhouse Fund will enable many organisations to gain the financial support needed to get started and grow, all contributing to this community being a great place to live, learn and work.